



# South Wirral Sixth Form Newsletter

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Since the last newsletter there have been many activities happening within the sixth form highlighting the range of opportunities available. With a busy exam time it's hard to imagine that we could fit it all in! The year 13's left for exam revision and came back for a final walk on the hall stage for the second year of our very successful awards evening.



There was a great buzz, everyone who attended received a certificate from Mrs McCormack and then watched the presentation of the trophies for each subject. There was a fantastic selection of musical performances, Kelly Scarth (yr12) sang the U2 song "With or without you" accompanied by yr10 guitarist Jamie Clague and Katherine Harris (yr11) sang and played guitar, with a composition from her GCSE music exam.



It was a lovely evening with some inspiring words from Mr Neal to send the students on their way and a chance for families to get together, long may it continue and we wish the yr 13's all the success for the future!

## Head Girl

Our head girl Hannah Davies represented her peers all year in many ways and in this capacity showed great leadership and diplomacy, particularly in helping to organise the prom with the committee, which was a lovely evening at the Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool. She was asked to represent the school in the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Commonwealth day and visited the houses of parliament and met with various MP's, she took part in the celebrations in the presence of the Queen. She was also a key player in helping to organise the sixth formers for their Asdan award projects in raising money for comic relief's Red Nose Day which the whole school took part in – with such activities as Singstar Superstar, Gok Wan's Fashion makeover and water bomb the teachers!



We will be rounding off the year with festival week activities including a rewards day and possibly a visit from our Army friends again and more cooking tips and finance for university! Still things to look forward to are the Berlin Trip for year 12/13 in July and the dance and music tour of Lake Garda in Italy which involves some of our sixth form as well!

We look forward to seeing all the new year 12's at the taster days and at the results days in August - good luck with all your exams!

## Student Comments

Bala for me was a fantastic 3 days. It was my first time canoeing and I loved every minute of it. With a night paddle, rock climbing and a high ropes assault course as well, I can't wait to go again.

I enjoyed the problem solving activities including Jenga.



Bala allowed me to experience activities I had never before and was enjoyable along with hard work to ensure the 3 day experience was one to remember.



I enjoyed the trip at Bala because I got to try new activities in the outdoor area. I learnt new skills it was just simply sensational!

## Dates for your Diary

**Year 11 GCSE Results  
(Thu 27th August)**

**A Level Results Day  
(Thu 20th August)**

**Enrolment Days  
(3rd & 4th September)**

**Sixth Form Starts  
(Mon 7th September)**

## VI Form PE Residential

On 3<sup>rd</sup> December all PE students involved in PE at 'AS', A2 or BTEC Level 3 attended a 2 night residential at Glan-Llyn. Glan-Llyn is a multi activity centre situated on the shores of Bala lake and in the shadow of Snowdonia National Park. It is an ideal location for all types of holidays and activity courses.

Glan-Llyn was established as an outdoor activity centre in 1950 and it is



part of the Urdd, the largest youth movement in Wales.

Students were involved in a variety of activities including canoeing (day & night), rock-climbing, high ropes



course, raft building, swimming, problem solving and ten-pin bowling to name just a few. There was even time for students to relax and have a Christmas dinner! As well as having the opportunity to experience all of these activities students were also assessed in canoeing as part of their PE course.



On Monday 15th June, 8 AS Business Studies students set out on a journey, one in which they have never travelled in such style before. Outside of the main school entrance was a stretch limo waiting to whisk them away to a life of adulation and screaming girls as they acted as Dragons from the BBC programme 'Dragons Den'.

The morning consisted of visits to 4 primary schools, namely Heygarth, Mendall, Millfield and Reyburn, where

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their fans were waiting lining the pavement. They were there to introduce this year's Bridging Project for the Year 6 students at the aforementioned primary schools. The Bridging Project is an Enterprise Day built around Wirral - a concept that was developed to improve and promote the Wirral in a positive way.

The Dragons took with them their much-needed agent, Mr White and their Head of PR and Communications, Mr Hardacre who helped field questions from the primary school students. The Dragons explained the concept of the Enterprise Day, the timescale they had to do it and introduced the judging criteria that the Dragons themselves would vote on. The Year 6's were suitably scared of them!!



Introducing the judging criteria was Sir Tom Sugar (better known as Tom Brown), Joe Griffiths, Sean Heggarty, Patrick Roberts (a great friend of Andrew Lloyd Webber apparently), Lewis Fearon, Paul Scowen, Adam Ritchie and Matthew Purcell-Jones. The AS Business students travelling in the limo had a great morning and the Year 6 students got into the swing of things and successfully screamed at the Dragons! A good Enterprise Day awaits, I feel!



## Young Ambassadors

Christina Roberts and Sean Heggarty in year 12 have fulfilled the role far beyond expectations. They have attended numerous events receiving high praise from Wirral staff and professional athletes. Christina and Sue Oliver attended

the Merseyside Primary Games to participate in a Q&A session with Lord Seb Coe, chairman of LOCOG. This was followed by a larger group interview with former, present and future Olympians including gymnast Beth Tweddle and up and coming 110m hurdler Jack Meredith. Highlights of the event were shown on BBC North West Tonight.

## Sports Leaders CSL Award

In the lower sixth, 22 students have almost completed the National Level 2 award which has included officiating, coaching and organising in a number of different sports including Football - EFC mini kickers program, Tag Rugby - tag festival for feeder primary schools, Cricket - kwik cricket festival for feeder primary schools, Athletics - indoor athletics event for 7 local primary schools, Tesco Great School Run - 2km obstacle course for all primary school children attending next September and inter-house competitions across several sports. All students have also gained a 1st aid qualification from this course.



## Sportspersons Dinner

12 sports leaders attended the annual celebration evening on the 17<sup>th</sup> June and were presented with their mini kickers certificates. Christina and Sean were presented with CSL personality awards, a particularly difficult decision this year as all sports leaders have been fantastic.

